***The Poisonwood Bible***

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**A. CONTENT /32**

1. Poses an intriguing and unique thesis 0 1 2 3 4

2. Thesis falls between FACT and OPINION 0 1 2 3 4

3. Essay adheres to subject as defined by the thesis 0 1 2 3 4

4. Presents concrete, specific details and examples 0 1 2 3 4 5

5. Expresses analysis of examples through commentary 0 1 2 3 4 5

6. Develops original ideas and in-depth analysis 0 1 2 3 4 5

7. Reveals accurate, complete interpretations 0 1 2 3 4 5

**B. ORGANIZATION /13**

1. Interesting title that reflects the thesis 0 1 2

2 Fully developed paragraphs & Clear topic sentences 0 1 2 3

5. Strong, natural, meaningful transitions 0 1 2 3

6. Momentum in arrangement of ideas 0 1 2 3

6. Conclusion which synthesizes main ideas of the essay 0 1 2

**C. STYLE (Syntax & Diction) /30**

**1. Variety in sentence length and structure 0 1 2 3 4**

**2. Fluent sentences & Complex sentence structure 0 1 2 3 4**

**3. Quotes are meaningful, concise, and fluently incorporated 0 1 2 3**

**4. Quotes follow rules of MLA one-source documentation 0 1 2 3**

**5. Extensive vocabulary– right word at the right time 0 1 2 3 4**

**6. Predominantly active verbs 0 1 2 3 4**

**7. Formal diction (no clichés, jargon, slang, “dead” words, 1st/2nd person, etc.) 0 1 2 3 4**

**8. Economical writing 0 1 2 3 4**

**D. MECHANICS & GRAMMAR /15**

1. Spelling 0 1 2

2. Punctuation 0 1 2

3. Subject-verb agreement 0 1 2

4. Pronoun-antecedent agreement & clarity 0 1 2

5. Consistent verb tense & Parallelism 0 1 2

6. No fragments/run-ons 0 1 2

7. Format, as assigned 0 1 2 3

**TOTAL POINTS /90**